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WOMEN STUDIED BY LETTER

Dr. MacDonald Says It Reveals Interesting Characteristics.

DRAWN OUT BY "ADS."

Insertions in Domestic and Foreign Newspapers Bring Out Some Interesting Replies.

A proper study of human nature, in the opinion of Dr. Arthur MacDonald, a well-known criminologist, is that of women who answer "personals" inserted in daily newspapers.

This line of investigation is entirely unique, and Dr. MacDonald has given it a good share of his attention for the past two years, and carried it on, until lately at considerable expense. He has met those who answered him when possible, but chiefly corresponded with them, in such a manner as to make them confess their objects in seeking friends through advertisements.

For some months Dr. MacDonald inserted "personals" in all the leading dailies of America and Europe, using three types of ads. One applied for correspondence with young, educated women of high social and financial position. The second asked for correspondence with the same class upon the sociological development of women, and the third asked for correspondence with women of high education or women university students in German, French and English.

In these advertisements the doctor mentioned himself as a gentleman of social rank and university education.

GOT THOUSANDS OF REPLIES. Dr. MacDonald has received, besides about 2,000 replies to his advertisements, about 20,000 of which only 5 per cent appeared to be questionable characters. In about 500 cases he met his correspondents and examined their mental and nervous conditions. In many cases he secured their photographs, that he might study their facial expressions and features.

He has been able, he says, to make an original and scientific study of abnormal women, not in institutions, but in society at large, where they have direct influence upon the morality of the world. The word "abnormal," however, does not necessarily have an uncompromising meaning. An abnormal person may be one of the best or one of the worst citizens.

His object was to publish the letters in book form, that students as well as the general public interested in sociology might get an insight into the causes of this phenomenon. This he has lately done, he says, omitting those letters from women of questionable character.

HIS CORRESPONDENCE.

Dr. MacDonald gave permission to pursue the more interesting of the letters received and to take notes from them when desired. About a hundred correspondents have been given this permission. Of the writers of these many are students, writers and artists. One is a composer of music, one a poetess. Two are actresses, many are teachers and lecturers, and many have traveled much and seen the world. The majority appear to be above the average in education and culture. A great number forwarded recommendations, presuming, apparently, that the doctor was in search of a wife. In some of these cases names of prominent people are given as references. Several go at great length into their genealogies. He sometimes found his correspondents to be habitual sinners, "persons" who often confused him with other men with whom they were corresponding.

The following "personal" was inserted in all of the principal Sunday papers of this country. It appeared in different ones at different times for a period of three or four months.

"Gentlemen of high social and university position desires acquaintance (and, if necessary, with young, educated women, of high social and financial position; no agents; no triflers; must give detailed account of life, references required. Address: Lock Box 1000."

In their first replies, correspondents generally wrote to know more specifically the doctor's intentions. His first letter to them was about as follows:

SOME OF THE LETTERS.

The interesting part of the study, of course, centers in the letters themselves. From each of the most interesting ones a sentence or two best representing the character of the sender has been selected. Each of these will show either the confessed purpose of the woman for writing, her situation or condition in life, her intelligence or her moral scruples. All of those replying to this advertisement are Americans. Each paragraph that follows is from a different letter.

"I am a brunette, twenty-five, an orphan, with my own income, and also independent of the world. I am college bred and have written sketches for different papers. My favorite amusement is the study of mankind. Anything out of the ordinary interests me exceedingly. That is why I have taken an interest in your notice."

"I think I shall be reckless for a change—life is so uncomprehendingly dull at times. Of course, I ought not to do that at all, but this has a spice of novelty about it that interests me."

"If you will send me your real name, place, and references, I think I'll write to you just for a lark. I'm tired of the society act and fancy I'd like just a tiny bit of Bohemianism."

"My parents are dead. I have no one to advise me, at least no one to whose advice I would listen. If my mother and father were living I would be at home with them, happy and content, and would never have written to you."

"I am not so conventional as to demand a formal introduction. As long as no one knows except ourselves it does not annoy me, and I enjoy the novelty."

"I am a great poet—have published books, but not in English. You will find me a beautiful girl in the full understanding of the world. My principal aim is to study men. The personal column is the medium I use."

THIS ONE IS MARRIED. "The little I dare tell you of myself cannot be of interest, for my position and surroundings will not permit my evening you and I can give no reason for addressing you the first time, except utter loneliness and a desire to break through conventionalities. I am married, but am away from home and friends."

"Until lately I taught school, but the life was so uninteresting. Perhaps I am finding out that there is something to be had in life about, even in a boat full of hales. The bottom has been kicked out of mine, and life is a dead, dead failure."

"I am a cultured young lady, highly connected, refined, bright and attractive appearing, light hair and blue eyes. I am studying music in the city, and would appreciate the acquaintance of a refined gentleman. I wish to assure you of the integrity of my motives."

"I play a little, sing a little, and paint a little. I go into style, and a great deal. Will be eighteen next Thursday. I'll be up the road, but come down every day to school."

"Do you wish to know something of the extent of my dry goods bills? Enormous. I assure you. My personal appearance is very satisfactory, thank you. Have I any personal defects? Yes, a dimple in my cheek. I hear one of the ladies calling: 'Will you never come to life again?' This reminds me that my letter is somewhat longer than my name is supposed to be. 'My life has been spent in the vain endeavor to satisfy selfish people. I've given it up, and now make the venture, which



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The cloth is strictly pure wool and the trimmings all. Our customers surely derive the benefit of the enormous business done by us all over the country. Samples willingly given to everybody.

Your money refunded if clothes are not satisfactory. We hand every customer United States Government Copyright Guarantee for clothes to wear one year.

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may not be strictly orthodox, of forming acquaintances outside of one's prescribed methods. There is nothing in my estimation like having one's own home, with a husband at the head. A spinster's life, no matter how independent, is considered."

"I hope to find you are a private detective. That is the most mysterious thing I know of, unless it be a foreign gentleman looking for an American heiress."

"My social standing is of the best. I live with and keep house for my father, who is a banker. My reputation is above reproach. This is all new business for me, and if my father knew of my doing it I fear he would give me a sound thrashing. I have no doubt I deserve it."

"I am not interested in financial matters, as I have more money than I can use, yet am not permitted to give it away. I may as well add, though perhaps not relevant, that if I should marry my fortune is so tied up that it would be controlled only by myself. I am a lone orphan and have been living in this world twenty-five years."

For the last ten years I have been at school on the Continent, and have lately returned to my native land, accompanied by my cousin, a member of a prominent family, who never by my chance approves of any of my actions."

"Am eighteen and one-half years old; brown hair, brown eyes, a good dresser, of a good disposition. Am quite musical, having a good voice. Am quite unhappy at home, and having a good income of my own, want to marry, if possible, soon."

"When I read your (personal) an insane desire seized me to venture an answer, despite nothing but pleasant results would spring from it. Am a member of one of our most popular Episcopal churches."

To obtain a different type of correspondents the doctor inserted the following in several well known papers:

"AUTHOR desires correspondence on the sociological development of women with lady of highest intellectual and financial position; acquaintance not necessary. Address: Lock Box 1000."

Several paragraphs from letters received in reply follow:

"I am an English woman, with a college education. I am going through a scheme of a boiling down process, and, when I become completely harmonized, I know that the spirit of Henry Clay, my beloved countryman, will be in my veins, and I will use my organism to give out grand utterances to the world and carry on today what he left uncompleted in the past."

"I wonder if hypnotism can be carried by letter. If so you have, perhaps, unwittingly drawn me out of my shell."

"We know in this life why we are born, but merely to consume the corn, devour cattle, fowl and fish and leave behind an empty dish. But the fowl and fish would soon pull out their necks and say: 'What's our use? We're here to eat and to be eaten. What's our use?'"

QUESTIONING HIS MOTIVE. "Either you have a pure motive and a good purpose, or this is a scheme to fall in a network of old maids who are wealthy and useless."

The advertisement, which, with slight variation, was inserted in some of the principal newspapers of Europe, follows:

"GENTLEMAN of education European desires to correspond in German, French or English with lady of good education (Student)."

This advertisement, the doctor says, was less of a personal than the previous ones, and the answers show that their writers and their conditions are less abnormal than the others. In writing to these foreign women Dr. MacDonald usually expressed his views on women's suffrage, and the general sociological problems concerning women. He did this in order to receive the views of his correspondents.

Believing, as a linguist, he was able to carry on the study throughout the greater part of Europe. Many of this class of correspondents wrote in order to improve their French, or the other of the languages named.

Dr. MacDonald's deductions from all of these 2,000 letters are very interesting. The majority of his correspondents are young, nothing special to do in life. Although the majority foster the semi-conscious idea that they will possibly meet the man of their choice in the course of their lives, they are not serious in their intentions.

The general cause of the disposition to answer "personals," he says, seems to be want of broad education and defective home training. The home life of many is unenlightened. They are orphans, have step-parents or overzealous chaperons. Every young woman should be shown the utter folly of such a mode of meeting friends.

On this account, he says, it has been his habit to wind up his correspondence with these women by giving them sound advice on the subject.

Worn at the Throat.

Tulle in all colors is much worn around the throat at present, quite replacing the black mouseline de sole ruffles, but chiefly in plain or spotted white. This fashion will probably last some time, as it is particularly becoming to the rather severe style of costume of today. Ladies who have a fancy for colored veils will, of course, select their tulle at the throat of the same color.

For the Traveler.

The "hold-all" of denim or striped awning cloth is an indispensable comfort for yachtswomen and travelers by sea. If made generous in size, with three large pockets and six smaller ones above, it can be tossed conveniently at hand and to accommodate slippers, nightgown and bath robes as well.

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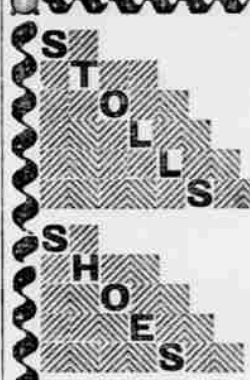
Incident to making extensive alterations would hurt our stock more or less. Hence we have decided upon this method of closing all out AT AUCTION and open up again with a brand new line of goods.

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A most complete stock of all styles of shoes for Boys, Misses and little tots—all the substantial—all the "wear-wells"—all the beauties.

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Never before were such REALLY GOOD shoes for men offered at this price. Come in Russets, with all style toes, all widths and all sizes; they're worth \$2.75, at

\$1.98.

In Russets, Tans and Patent Leather at \$2.98 we are above and beyond any in the business. To get a superior quality combined with handsome styles, we pay a little more but—you get them at

\$2.98.

(These shoes equal most \$4 qualities.)

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Will surpass all previous efforts. We have secured and will open on Monday 57 pieces—only one piece of each pattern—of high grade, finest quality Dimity, light and dark ground; also latest linen effects, representing all possible patterns in figures and stripes. These fine goods are now retailed at 25c. and 18c. yard, but our price will be 12 1/2c. and 10c. yard. Not only this low price, but more so, the beauty and great variety of the goods will be a surprise to you. Twenty-nine pieces of regular 12 1/2c. quality will be offered at 8c. and 6c. yard. Do not forget that there is only one piece of any style, and please try to be on time.

Grass Linen. In plain and Dimity stripe at 12 1/2c.—very desirable.

Duck, in plain, navy, red, pink, light blue, linen and white; also navy with white dots or stripes; 12 1/2c. quality at 10c.

Pique, white ground with colored stripes and figures, the 18c. quality at 10c.

Challies, the 25c. silk striped Challies, beautiful patterns, at 12 1/2c.

Chameleon Crepe, in moire silk effects; a full line of new combination of colors; also a few black and gray. 8c. yard.

Remnants of all kinds of Lawns, Dimity, White Goods, India Linen, etc., at 5c. yard.

12c. Black Satin. 8c

12c. Percale. 8c